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Duplicates of this Catalogue mailed on receipt of 2 cent Stamp.

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HORNED TOADS.

Of these I have some very fine specimens, 4½ inches long and nicely stuffed.

EACH.....$1 50

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All Articles in this Catalogue sent to any part of the Union, by Registered Mail, on Receipt of Price.

Indian Bead Work, War Clubs, Blankets, Etc.

Moccasins—Papoose size, buckskin, partly beaded, per pair..... $ 1 75

Moccasins—Large size, buckskin, partly beaded, per pair..... 3 75

Moccasins—Large size, buckskin, all beaded, per pair..... 5 00

Calumet, or Peace Pipe of the North American Indians, is made of red pipe stone, (catlinite), found in Dakota. The stem is about two feet long, made of wood or reed..... 5 00

Knife Scabbards—Animal hide and all beaded on one side, each..... 3 50

Paint Bags—Small buckskin pouches, ornamented with beads, etc..... 1 50

Bows and Arrows—Bow wrapped with sinew and thirteen pointed war arrows, each.... 10 00

Arrows with flint points, each..... 50

Arrows with iron points, each..... 50

Navajo Blankets—These Blankets are made by the Navajo Indians by hand, and are well known for their gay colors and water-proof qualities; large size, each..... 10 00

Navajo Saddle Blankets—Small size .. 3 00

Papoose Boards—Finely beaded, each.. 7 50

In Indian Curiosities I have the finest and most varied collection of anyone on the Pacific Coast. All articles have been collected by myself and could not be duplicated at any price. Parties wishing to purchase the entire outfit can do so at one-tenth what it cost me. Such a collection could not be got together at the present time.

Any letter in regard to the collection will be promptly answered.

IVORY SKULL.

A very rare curiosity, carved by the Japanese. Perfect in form, and about the size of the engraving. Each, $1 50.

These Buttons are made by the Chinese of some very rare green stone.

The eye and button are all on one piece. Diameter, 7-16 inch, or about the size of the engraving.

They are extensively used by ladies for dress use and charms. Price each, 25 cents.

TOOTHPICKS, made by the Japanese, and done up in the form of an umbrella. Three and a-half inches long. One dozen umbrellas, 15 cents.

Japanese Pen Holder and Paper Cutter.

Made of very hard dark wood and finely carved. Length, 8 inches. Each, 50 cents.

Japanese Paper Knife made of bamboo and finely carved. Length, 11 inches; width, 1¼ inches. Each, 50 cents.

Japanese Pipe Cases.

Made of bone and finely carved. Length, 8 inches; diameter, 1 inch. Price each, $1 50.

This novelty is used by the Chinese to scratch their backs. Length of handle, 17 inches, length of hand 1¼ inches and 1 inch wide. The handle is made of clarified horn and the hand of white bone, neatly carved. Each, $1 00.

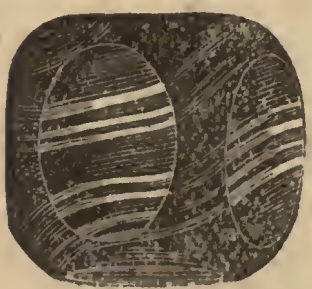
MOSS AGATE WATCH CHARMS.

Sprays of moss are plainly seen imbedded in these beautiful charms, the stone being semi-translucent. Every lover of the rare and wonderful in nature, highly prize these gems of the Far West. They are polished with a high gloss by expert lapidists.

Price, 50 cents each.

Moss Agate Pebbles—Just as they are found, about the size of a chestnut; odd for pocket pieces or cabinets. These, as well as the watch charms were found in the Sweetwater country, Wyoming.

Price, 10 cents each.



Clouded Agate Charms ready to mount.

These make a beautiful watch charm. Each, $1 00.

This shell comes from Victoria, B. C., and is found there in deep water. Length, 2¼ inches.

Price, 10 cents each.

Rattle snake rattles. Some very fine specimens.

Price according to length, fifty cents to one dollar.

This Image or Chinese "Josh," is carved from a Walrus Tooth, and varies in length and form. They average about 2½ inches in length.

Price, each $2 00.

AMBER, with a green bug imbedded in the center, a hole in the top so as to be used for a charm. Each piece is about the size of the engraving or a trifle larger. Each, $1 00.

FISH HOOKS.

Made by the Alaska Indians.

The curved part is made of some very hard tough, dark-colored wood, while the hook or cross piece is made of bone and about 5 1-5 inches long, fastened with sinews. The Hook is 7 inches long by about 3¼ inches deep.

I have but a few of these, and do not know where to get any more. Each $1 75.

Pink Coral, varying in length from 3 to 4 inches.

Each, $1 00.

California Star Fish	Each 25 cts.
Mexican " "	" 50 "
Sea Eggs	" 25 "
Cat Eyes, Japan	" 25 "
Eye Stones "	" 25 "

The Tarantula or Trap Door Spider

Of these I have the very finest and largest to be had, as I have a chance to select them. They are stuffed, mounted on card board and nicely boxed. Length, 5 inches; width, 4 inches. Each $1 50.

This is the largest of our American spiders. The male is large, strong, long-legged and completely covered with coarse brown hair. The palpi are unusually well developed and armed with poisonous fangs. Each of the anterior legs has a projection on the under side with which to hold off an enemy while the fangs are at work inserting the poison. He lives in a hole (in the ground), with a silken lining and open at the top, with the exception of a web during the day. A deserted mole or gopher hole seems to answer his purpose as well as anything. About sundown he removes his web and rests in the hole with the tarsi of the anterior legs just above the surface, ready to rush out upon some unsuspecting grasshopper or other prey.

At this time he is easily taken. A little water poured into the hole will usually drive him out, but that is not always convenient.

The female is much smaller, more slender and of a beautiful piceous black. She is rarely seen except when forced from her house, and will generally prefer drowning to forsaking her offspring. This house, in which she rears her young, is a wonderful piece of architecture. It is a cemented earthern tube, running down in the ground from five to ten inches, then horizontally two to three inches and furnished at the surface or top with a perfect D-shaped lid, securely hinged on the flat side and perfectly water tight. The whole inside of the house is lined with a beautiful white silken web and in the lining of the lid there are two holes, in which she inserts her fangs to hold it shut in case of danger. It requires a practiced eye to discover these houses.

Tarantula Nests or Houses.

The tarantula nest is one of the most curious as well as wonderful pieces of insect mechanism known, and is a valuable addition to any cabinet.

The few I have of these have been selected from a lot of a hundred.

Price, each $1 50.

ABALONE SHELL ORNAMENTS.

No. 11
75 cts.

No. 12
60 cts.

No. 13
50 cts.

No. 14
60 cts.

No. 15
50 cts.

No. 16
50 cts.

No. 17
50 cts.

No. 18
75 cts.

These ornaments are about the size of the engravings and they make beautiful watch charms and bangles.

PESCADERO PEBBLES from Pescadero "pebble beach," pronounced by scientists absolutely unique, and one of the most fascinating spots in the world. Per dozen, 25 cts.

ELK IVORIES or the ivory teeth of elk, susceptible of high polish and valuable and unique for jewelry, 50 cents.

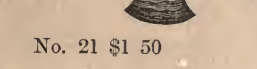
Also antelope horns in natural state, black like ebony and very pretty curiosities, 75 cts.

PAPER CUTTERS or knives, made from the horns of the antelope and deer. A novel and useful ornament for any desk. Each, $1 50.

Abalone Shell Pins or Hat Ornaments.

No. 21 $1 50

No. 22 $1 75



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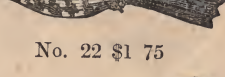

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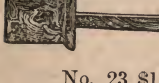

No. 25 $1 75

No. 26 $1 75

No. 27 $1 50

They are from 2½ to 3 inches long, with pin on the back. They make beautiful shawl pins or hat ornaments.

WYOMING OPAL STONES, hard and translucent, now very popular for jewelry because of their novelty, also valuable for specimens and for cabinets. Each 50 cts.

WYOMING AGATIZED WOOD, petrified as hard as crystal, and suitable for cabinet specimens and jewelry. Each 50 cts.

FOSSIL SHELLS or *Corbicula*, which Prof. Aughey says are a million and a-half years old. Found on high and dry land, ten thousand feet above the sea level. Each 50 cts.

PORCUPINE QUILLS, 25 cents per dozen.

WALRUS TOOTH.

1½ to 2½ inches long.

Each 50 cents.

WALRUS SKIN.

This makes a very fine cabinet specimen, as it looks like bark from the big trees. Cabinet size piece, one inch thick. Each 25 cts.

WHALE TEETH..... Each 75 cts.
BUFFALO TEETH..... " 25 "

Japanese Cash Swords (made with about 100 coins), very fine, each $2 50

The Resurrection Plant.

A Natural Curiosity from Acapulco, Mexico

This singular plant is really one of the wonders of creation. Imagine a bunch of withered looking, curled up shoots, brown, stiff, and apparently dead, resembling a bird's nest. Place it in water, in half an hour what a transformation! The withered looking bunch has now opened and is transformed into a lovely patch of moss, entirely covering an ordinary plate. In its native habitat, when the dry season sets in, the plant curls up into a round ball and is wafted away by winds from place to place, sometimes for hundreds of miles, when at last it reaches a moist spot it gradually unfolds itself, makes new roots and thrives in its new found home. This sensitiveness to moisture is so great that even after the plant may seem dead it will open and close as if it were alive. Price, 20 cts. each.

THE ROAD RUNNER.

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This curious bird is found in Southern California and parts of Mexico. Its color is a mixture of black and gray, with the tail and wing feathers of a rich olive green. Its tail is about 10 inches long and is constantly bobbing up and down. There is a crest of dark-blue feathers on the head and beneath this a strip of bright red skin. Its legs are rather short and muscular, and can carry him along at a very swift rate. Its wings are short and are only used to carry him short distances. It builds a nest about 12 inches in circumference out of twigs and grass in a shrub or cactus. Out here it is generally in an alder bush about six feet up. Its eggs are four in number, and are of a dirty white color and are about the size of a small hen's egg.

A "Road Runner" kills snakes in a very funny manner. He first finds one asleep and builds a wall around him of cactus leaves. As soon as the snake wakes up he sees this wall and tries to glide over it, but it pricks him too much. Finally he gets mad and strikes right and left, getting in return a mouth full of prickly spines. At last he gets so enraged that he fastens his fangs into his body and dies, much to the delight of his feathery enemy, who is watching him all the time.

Of these I have some very fine skins ready for mounting. Each $2 00

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If you wish anything mentioned in this Catalogue, in large quantities, write for information.

WAR ARROW POINTS.

No. 1 75 cts. | No. 2 $1 00 | No. 3 75 cts.

BIRD ARROW POINTS.

No. 6 $1 00 | No. 7 $1 25 | No. 8 50 cts. | No. 9 $1 00

These points, as all collectors are aware, are remarkable for their small size, beauty of workmanship and fine material, each being made of a semi-precious stone, such as obsidian, agate, chalcedony, camelian, &c. Many are found of exquisite beauty. They were probably used for bird arrow points, being so small. They are much sought after by collectors, and are sometimes called jewelry points, being used for scarf pins, neck-laces and other articles of personal adornment. These are usually sold by dealers in curiosities and jewelers at from $1 00 to $5 00 each. They are extremely rare and will soon become unattainable at any price.